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Real Estate Malpractice Insurance Report

Executive Summary

This report summarizes Missouri real estate malpractice data for 1992 to 2001. The charts, graphs and tables — limited to closed claim information — were constructed from data collected by the Missouri Department of Insurance as required by Section 383.060 RSMo. The premium and loss data, obtained from the Missouri Page 24 Supplement to the companies' annual statements, is presented in the final section.

The loss ratio for real estate malpractice in Missouri during 2001 was -49 percent, which is a significant decrease from 19.93 percent in 2000. The industry posted a negative loss ratio, in 1999 and 2001, because companies wrote off excess reserves from previous years. Only four claims were closed in 2001, compared to a high of 63 in 1997. Three out of the four claims (75 percent) were paid, averaging \$4,781.

Over the past 10 years, 402 real estate malpractice claims were closed in Missouri — 136 (34 percent) with payment, and 266 (66 percent) without payment.

In 2001 the average loss adjustment expense for all claims closed with payment was \$2,758 while the expenses for all claims closed without payment averaged \$8,274.

In Section II, indemnities paid on closed claims are shown by claim characteristics. The number of closed claims, average paid claim and total amount paid are included in each of these six categories:

- Area of real estate in which the claims were filed.
- Major activity in which the agent was engaged when the alleged error or omission occurred.
- Alleged error or omission that was the most significant

reason for the claim.

- The legal disposition of the claim at the closing date.
- The number of years the insured had been in practice at the time of the alleged error or omission.
- The relationship of the insured to the claimant.

Five companies reported writing real estate malpractice insurance business in Missouri during 2001, compared to 11 companies in 2000. The four top writers of real estate malpractice insurance in Missouri maintain more than 90 percent of the market: Continental Casualty Co. with 67 percent, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., 19 percent, United States Liability Insurance Co., 9 percent and Associates Insurance Co., 5 percent.

This report was compiled using information submitted by the insurance companies. As a result, the accuracy of this report is dependent upon the accuracy of each company's data. Copies of this report will be made available in braille, large print or on audio cassette upon request. Any questions regarding this report should be addressed to the Statistics Section, Missouri Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 690, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0690.

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TEN YEAR SUMMARY (1992 - 2001)

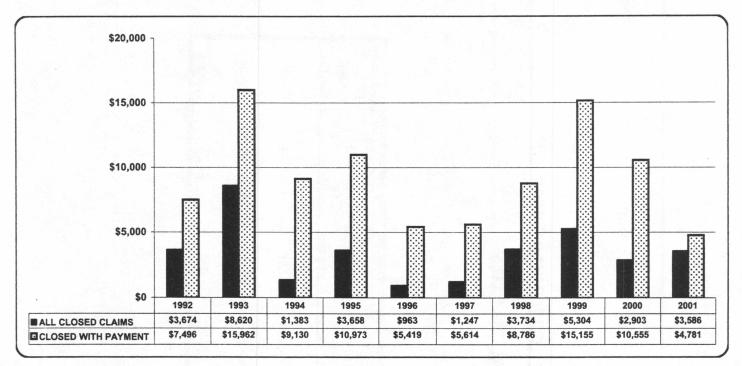
REAL ESTATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE TEN YEAR SUMMARY

1992 - 2001

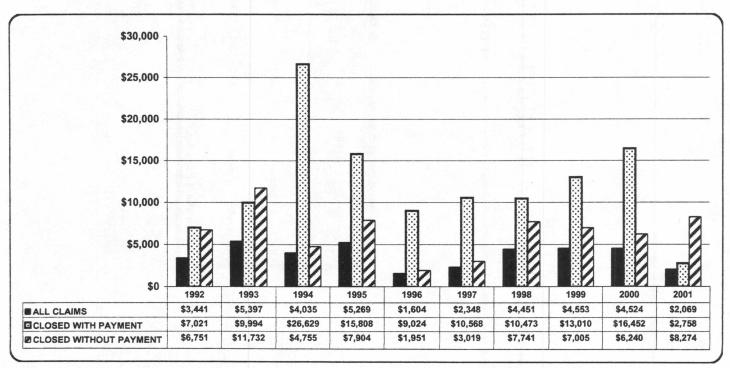
CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF CLAIMS	PERCENT OF CLAIMS	TOTAL INDEMNITY PAID	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID	TOTAL LOSS EXPENSES PAID	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE PAID
All Closed Claims	402	100.0%	\$1,409,614	\$3,507	\$1,537,763	\$3,825
Closed with Payment	136	33.8%	\$1,409,614	\$10,365	\$1,039,070	\$7,640
Closed without Payment	266	66.2%	\$0	\$0	\$498,693	\$1,875

MISSOURI REAL ESTATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Average Paid Claim

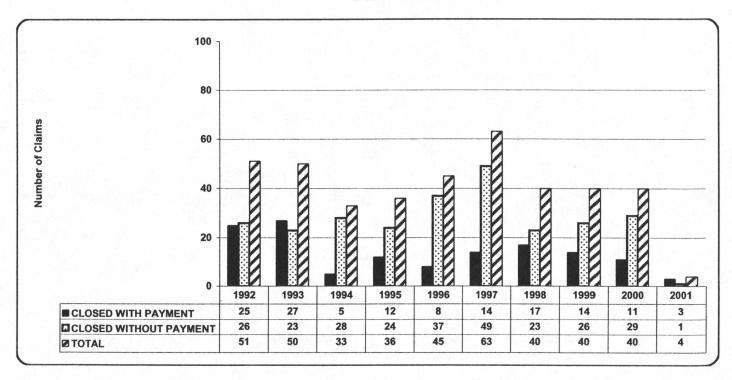


Average Paid Loss Adjustment Expense



MISSOURI REAL ESTATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE





TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2001 SUMMARY BY AREA OF REAL ESTATE

FOR YEARS 1992 - 2001

AREA OF REAL ESTATE	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
AS AGENT TO PROCURE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY	328	106	77.94%	\$11,582	\$1,227,735	87.10%	\$4,018
AS AGENT TO PROCURE PROPERTY TO PURCHASE	47	17	12.50%	\$5,982	\$101,700	7.21%	\$3,267
NOT SPECIFIED	26	13	9.56%	\$6,168	\$80,179	5.69%	\$2,273
OTHER	1	0	0.00%	N/A	\$0	0.00%	\$7,101
TOTAL	402	136	100.00%	\$10,365	\$1,409,614	100.00%	\$3,825

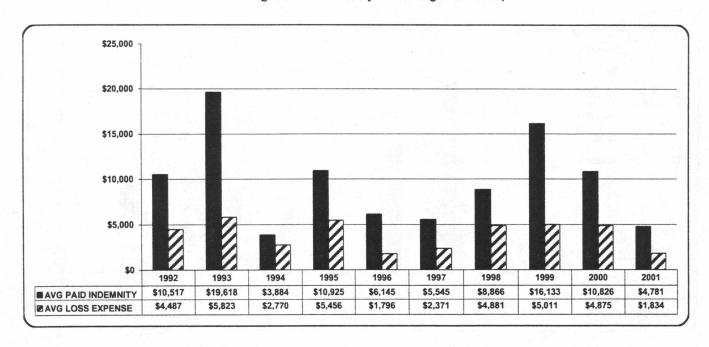
CLAIMS CLOSED IN 2001

AREA OF REAL ESTATE	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
AS AGENT TO PROCURE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY	3	3	100.00%	\$4,781	\$14,342	100.00%	\$1,834
AS AGENT TO PROCURE PROPERTY TO PURCHASE	1	0	0.00%	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$2,772
TOTAL	4	3	100.00%	\$4,781	\$14,342	100.00%	\$2,069

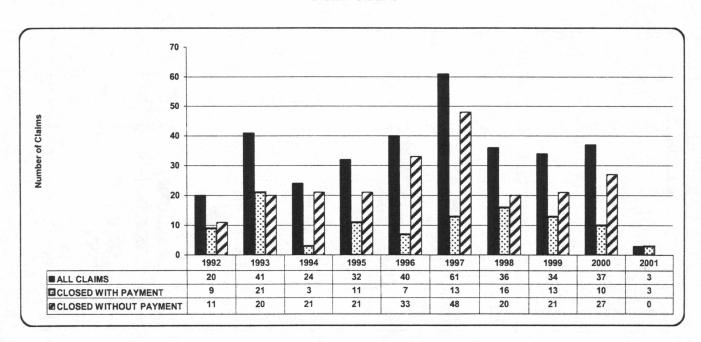
AREA OF REAL ESTATE TRENDS OF 2001

AS AGENT TO PROCURE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense

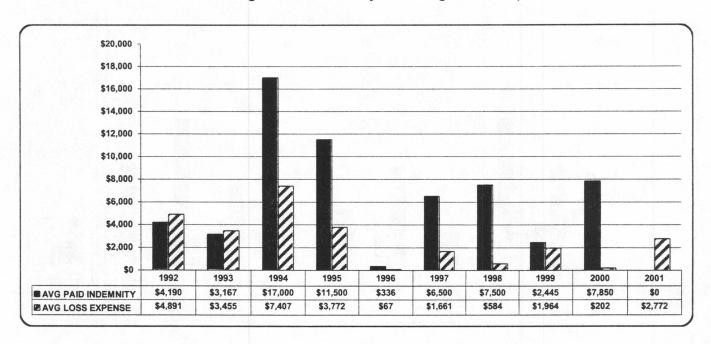


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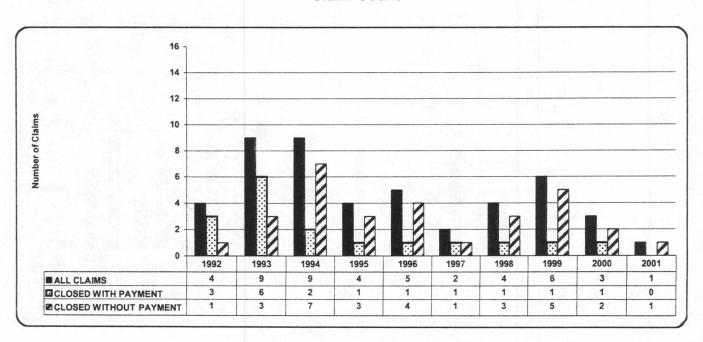


AS AGENT TO PROCURE PROPERTY TO PURCHASE

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense



Claim Count



TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2001 SUMMARY BY MAJOR ACTIVITY

FOR YEARS 1992 - 2001

MAJOR ACTIVITY CODE	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
LISTING THE PROPERTY FOR SALE	227	68	50.00%	\$12,782	\$869,166	61.66%	\$3,666
SHOWING PROPERTY	97	38	27.94%	\$9,213	\$350,079	24.84%	\$3,663
CLOSING AND TRANSFERRING TITLE	52	17	12.50%	\$6,482	\$110,190	7.82%	\$5,598
NOT SPECIFIED	26	13	9.56%	\$6,168	\$80,179	5.69%	\$2,273
TOTAL	402	136	100.00%	\$10,365	\$1,409,614	100.00%	\$3,825

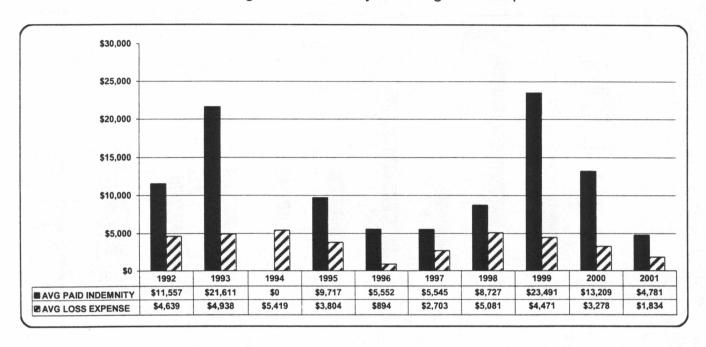
CLAIMS CLOSED IN 2001

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LISTING THE PROPERTY FOR SALE	3	3	100.00%	\$4,781	\$14,342	100.00%	\$1,834
SHOWING PROPERTY	1	0	0.00%	N/A	\$0	0.00%	\$2,772
TOTAL	4	3	100.00%	\$4,781	\$14,342	100.00%	\$2,069

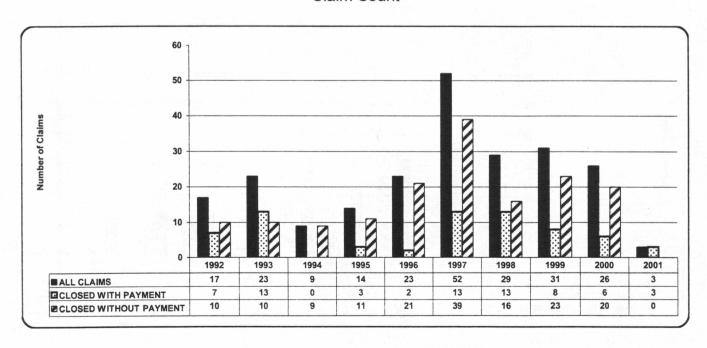
MAJOR ACTIVITY TRENDS OF 2001

LISTING THE PROPERTY FOR SALE

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense

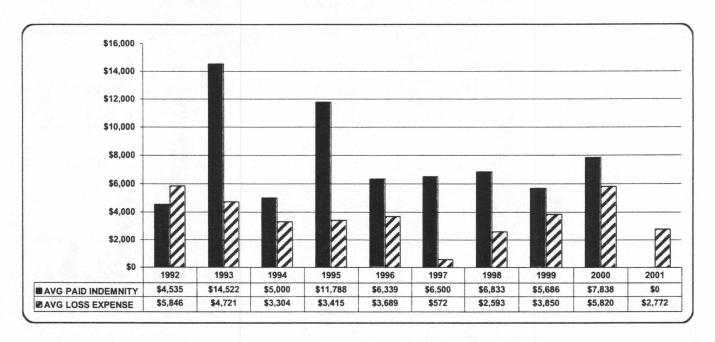


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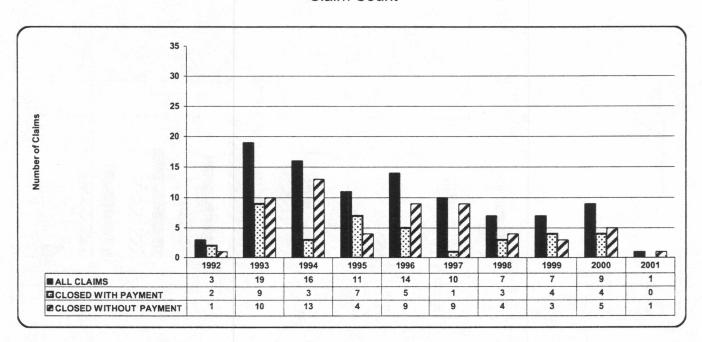


SHOWING PROPERTY

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense



Claim Count



TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2001 SUMMARY BY ALLEGED ERROR OR OMISSION

FOR YEARS 1992 - 2001

ALLEGED ERROR OR OMISSION	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL FACT ABOUT THE							
PROPERTY	293	97	71.32%	\$11,192	\$1,085,616	77.02%	\$4,117
OTHER	59	17	12.50%	\$11,067	\$188,142	13.35%	\$3,512
NOT SPECIFIED FAILURE TO CORRECTLY COMPLETE FORMS TO	26	13	9.56%	\$6,168	\$80,179	5.69%	\$2,273
TRANSFER OWNERSHIP	24	9	6.62%	\$6,186	\$55,677	3.95%	\$2,723
TOTAL	402	136	100.00%	\$10,365	\$1,409,614	100.00%	\$3,825

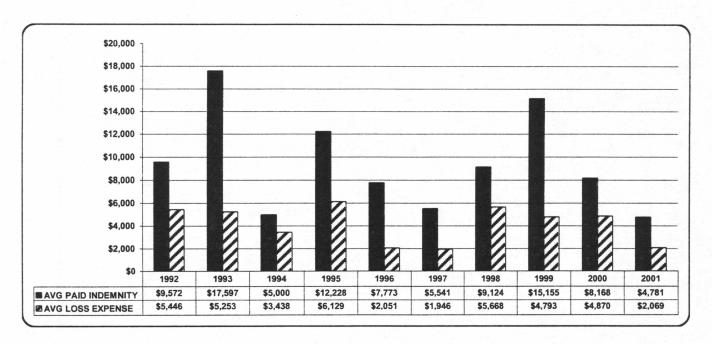
CLAIMS CLOSED IN 2001

ALLEGED ERROR OR OMISSION	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL FACT ABOUT THE PROPERTY	4	3	100.00%	\$4,781	\$14,342	100.00%	\$2,069
TOTAL	4	3	100.00%	\$4,781	\$14,342	100.00%	\$2,069

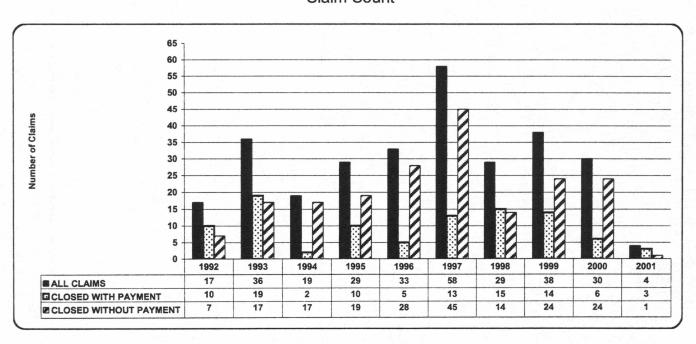
ALLEGED ERROR OR OMISSION TRENDS OF 2001

FAILURE TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL FACT ABOUT THE PROPERTY

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense



Claim Count



TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2001 SUMMARY BY CLAIM DISPOSITION

FOR YEARS 1992 - 2001

CLAIM DISPOSITION	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
BEFORE TRIAL OR HEARING	143	90	66.18%	\$11,579	\$1,042,086	73.93%	\$6,208
CLAIM OR SUIT ABANDONED	118	2	1.47%	\$3,325	\$6,651	0.47%	\$1,096
BEFORE FILING SUIT OR DEMANDING HEARING	75	19	13.97%	\$6,382	\$121,251	8.60%	\$809
NOT SPECIFIED	33	17	12.50%	\$7,535	\$128,095	9.09%	\$3,348
AFTER JUDGMENT, BEFORE APPEAL	17	1	0.74%	\$20,169	\$20,169	1.43%	\$11,588
DURING TRIAL OR HEARING	14	6	4.41%	\$14,310	\$85,862	6.09%	\$7,868
AFTER APPEAL	1	0	0.00%	N/A	\$0	0.00%	\$6,028
DURING APPEAL	1	1	0.74%	\$5,500	\$5,500	0.39%	\$36,257
TOTAL	402	136	100.00%	\$10,365	\$1,409,614	100.00%	\$3,825

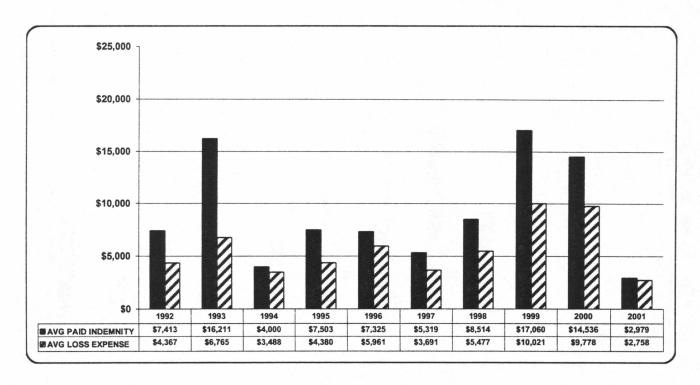
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BEFORE TRIAL OR HEARING	3	2	66.67%	\$2,979	\$5,957	41.54%	\$2,758
BEFORE FILING SUIT OR DEMANDING HEARING	1	1	33.33%	\$8,385	\$8,385	58.46%	\$0
TOTAL	4	3	100.00%	\$4,781	\$14,342	100.00%	\$2,069

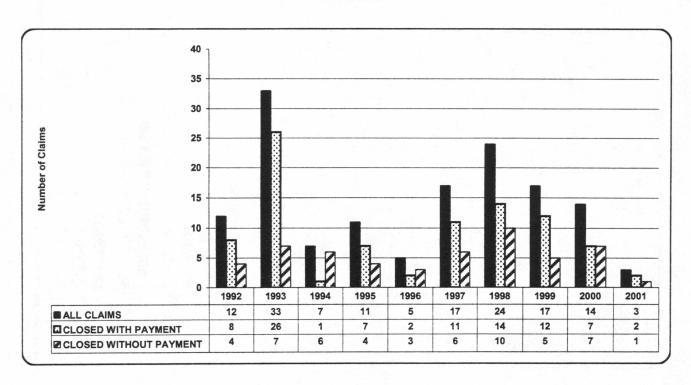
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BEFORE TRIAL OR HEARING

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense

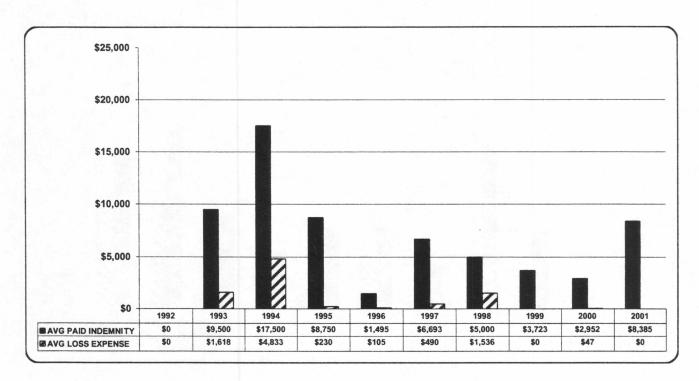


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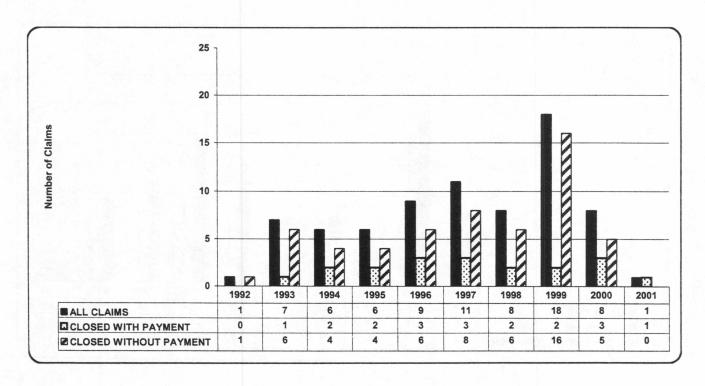


BEFORE FILING SUIT OR DEMANDING HEARING

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense



Claim Count



TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2001 SUMMARY BY YEARS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

FOR YEARS 1992 - 2001

YEARS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
OVER 10 YEARS	181	61	44.85%	\$11,167	\$681,158	48.32%	\$3,905
4 TO 10 YEARS	138	34	25.00%	\$6,256	\$212,716	15.09%	\$3,619
NOT SPECIFIED	54	28	20.59%	\$16,004	\$448,104	31.79%	\$3,990
UNDER 4 YEARS	29	13	9.56%	\$5,203	\$67,636	4.80%	\$4,000
TOTAL	402	136	100.00%	\$10,365	\$1,409,614	100.00%	\$3,825

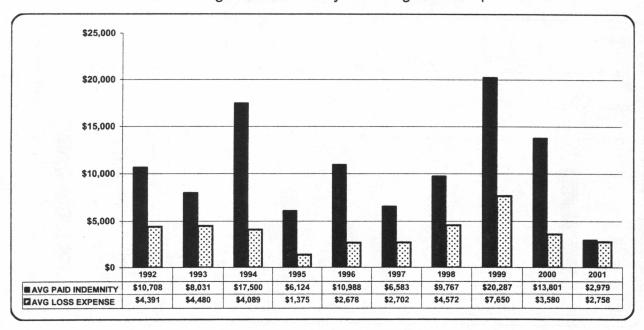
CLAIMS CLOSED IN 2001

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OVER 10 YEARS	3	2	66.67%	\$2,979	\$5,957	41.54%	\$2,758
UNDER 4 YEARS	1	1	33.33%	\$8,385	\$8,385	58.46%	\$0
TOTAL	4	3	100.00%	\$4,781	\$14,342	100.00%	\$2,069

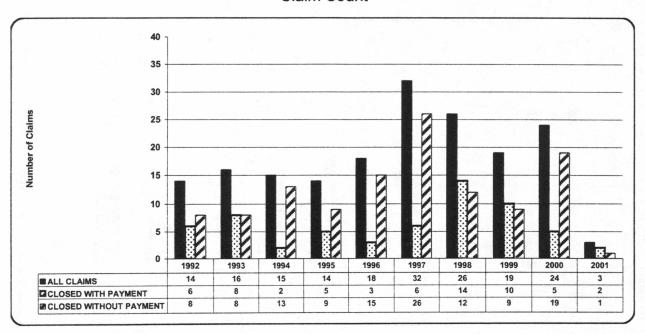
YEARS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE TRENDS OF 2001

OVER 10 YEARS

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense

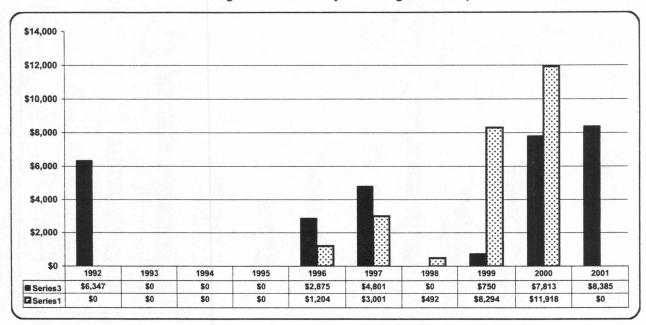


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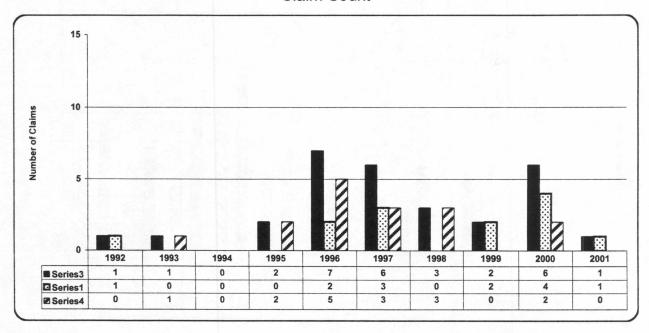


UNDER 4 YEARS

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense



Claim Count



TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2001 SUMMARY BY INSURED/CLAIMANT RELATIONSHIP

REAL ESTATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE INDEMNITY ANALYSIS

FOR YEARS 1992 - 2001

INSURED'S RELATIONS	HIP TO THE CLAIMANT	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
NON-CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIM		260	81	59.56%	\$11,121	\$900,815	63.91%	\$3,692
CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS	SHIP WITH CLAIMANT	116	42	30.88%	\$10,205	\$428,620	30.41%	\$4,472
NOT SPECIFIED		26	13	9.56%	\$6,168	\$80,179	5.69%	\$2,273
TOTAL		402	136	100.00%	\$10,365	\$1,409,614	100.00%	\$3,825

REAL ESTATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE INDEMNITY ANALYSIS

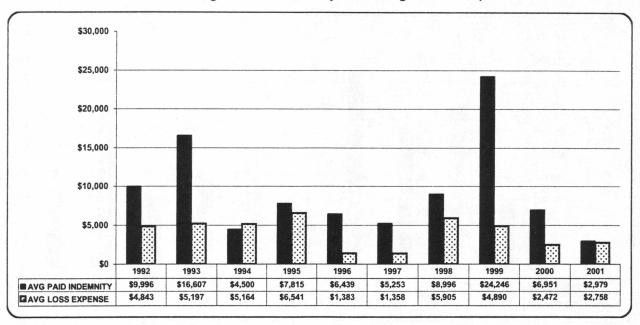
CLAIMS CLOSED IN 2001

INSURED'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE CLAIMANT	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
NON-CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT	3	2	66.67%	\$2,979	\$5,957	41.54%	\$2,758
CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT	1	1	33.33%	\$8,385	\$8,385	58.46%	\$0
TOTAL	4	3	100.00%	\$4,781	\$14,342	100.00%	\$2,069

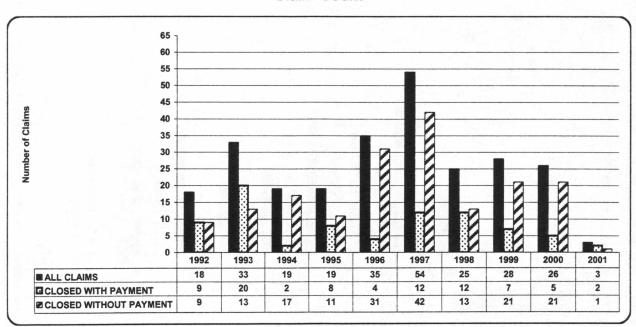
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NON-CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense

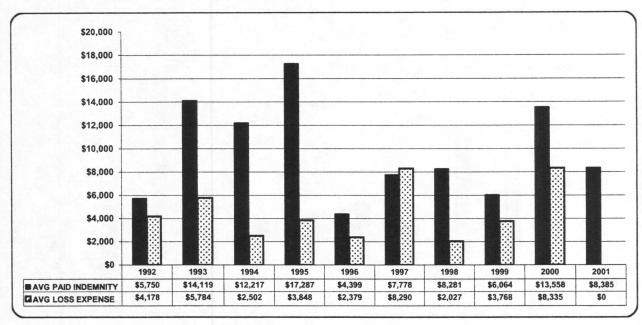


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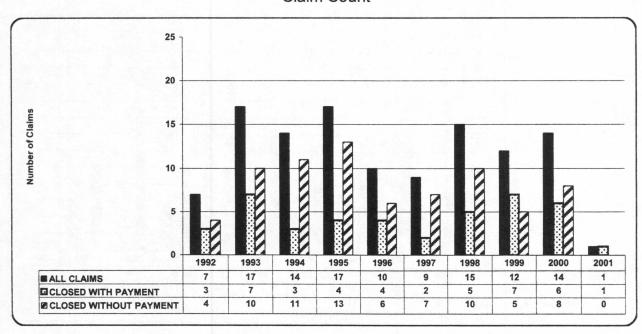


CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense



Claim Count



PREMIUM AND LOSS DATA

PAGE 24 SUPPLEMENT REAL ESTATE MALPRACTICE EXPERIENCE WITH MARKET SHARE

2001 EXPERIENCE

NAIC Company Code	Company Name	Market Share	Written Premium	Earned Premium	Incurred Losses	Loss Ratio
20443	CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY	66.90%	\$419,949	-\$419,949	\$32,341	-7.70%
24767	ST PAUL FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE CO	19.14%	\$120,117	\$62,241	\$73,212	117.63%
25895	UNITED STATES LIABILITY INSURANCE CO	9.30%	\$58,395	\$51,873	\$10,459	20.16%
21296	ASSOCIATES INSURANCE COMPANY	4.52%	\$28,377	\$24,582	\$12,003	48.83%
39845	EMPLOYERS REINSURANCE CORPORATION	0.13%	\$846	\$7,097	\$4,311	60.74%
25658	TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$957	N/A
	TOTAL	100.00%	\$627,684	-\$274,156	\$133,283	-48.62%

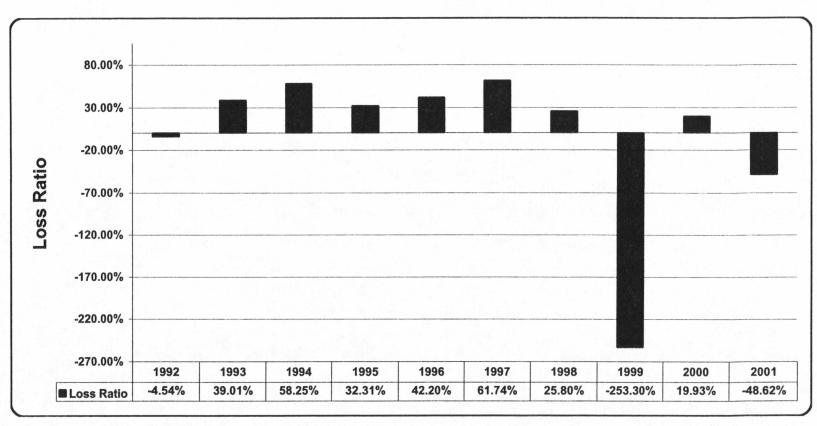
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TEN YEAR SUMMARY

Year	Written Premium	Earned Premium	Incurred Losses	Loss Ratio
1992	\$215,703	\$193,117	-\$8,765	-4.54%
1993	\$332,664	\$316,333	\$123,417	39.01%
1994	\$721,963	\$591,594	\$344,609	58.25%
1995	\$816,737	\$769,978	\$248,795	32.31%
1996	\$657,869	\$686,562	\$289,707	42.20%
1997	\$619,604	\$651,641	\$402,297	61.74%
1998	\$1,559,815	\$1,688,776	\$435,667	25.80%
1999	\$412,988	\$117,643	-\$297,986	-253.30%
2000	\$450,419	\$80,699	\$16,082	19.93%
2001	\$627,684	-\$274,156	\$133,283	-48.62%
10-Year Total	\$6,415,446	\$4,822,187	\$1,687,106	34.99%

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TEN YEAR LOSS RATIO SUMMARY



DEFINITION OF TERMS

Market Share: The dollar amount of direct premium written by an insurer divided by the total amount of direct premiums written industry-wide for the particular line of business being analyzed, expressed as a percentage.

Written Premium: Amount charged when a policyholder contracts for insurance coverage before reinsurance has been ceded and/or assumed.

Earned Premium: The part of premium attributable to the coverage already provided in a given period before reinsurance has been ceded and/or assumed.

Incurred Losses: The sum of direct losses paid plus an estimate at the close of the year of the amounts to be paid in the future for all claims arising from the current and all prior years, minus the corresponding estimate made at the close of business for the preceding year. Incurred losses reported include estimated amounts unpaid for incurred-but-not-reported (IBNR) claims.

Loss Ratio: The dollar amount of direct losses incurred divided by the dollar amount of premiums earned for the particular line of business being analyzed, expressed as a percentage. This is an accounting representation of the portion of each premium dollar which is needed to honor a company=s promise to pay claims.

Indemnity Paid: The sum of all payments made during the year for the benefit of insurance claimants, before reinsurance has been ceded and/or assumed. These payments include amounts paid in the current year for claims arising from the current year. Hence, this item is not a measure of the actual cost of current coverages, but only of current cash flows.

Loss Adjustment Expenses: The cost involved in an insurance companies adjustment of losses under a policy.

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